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### FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION SOUTH KOLB ROAD AND EAST VALENCIA ROAD

This morning, just after 2:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division East were dispatched to the area of S. Kolb Rd. and E. Valencia Rd. for a report of a downed motorcyclist. Tucson Fire personnel also responded to the scene and pronounced the motorcyclist deceased. Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation.

According to roadway evidence, detectives believe that the motorcyclist was riding a red 2007 Kawasaki VN900 southbound on Kolb Rd. For unknown reasons, the motorcyclist lost control and was thrown from the motorcycle and struck a drainage grate. The motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet and impairment appears to be a possible factor in the collision. Detectives learned that the motorcyclist had a suspended driver's license and did not have the appropriate motorcycle endorsement.

The motorcyclist has been identified as a male in his 20s. His identity is being withheld pending next of kin notification. The investigation is ongoing and the contributing factors of the collision are still to be determined.

#### Fatalities Year to Date:

<b>For 2021 - 10</b>	<b>For 2022 - 19</b>
Pedestrian - 5	Pedestrian- 8
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 0
Motorcycle - 2	Motorcycle - 4
Vehicle - 3	Vehicle - 7

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